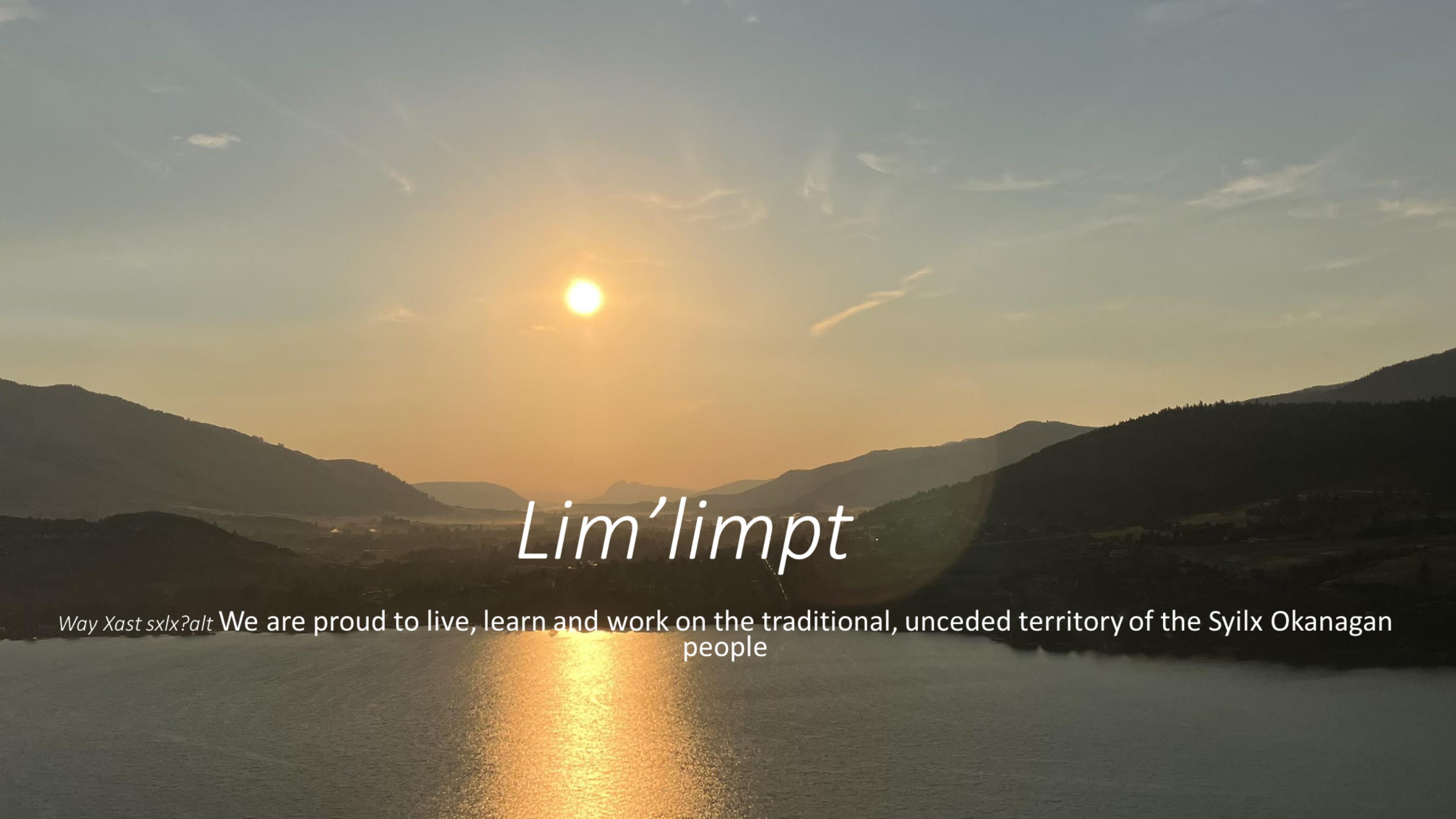




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Way Xast sxlx?alt We are proud to live, learn and work on the traditional, unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan people



Welcome to *Kal*
Grade 8s 2025/2026
aka Kal Grad 2030!

Today's Agenda

1. Who is Kal?

2. What makes Kal great!

3. Course selection process



Admin Team

Mr. Jeff Huggins,
Principal
Grades 11-12



Mr. Jason Beck,
Vice Principal
Grades 8-10



Counselling Team

Ms. Lori Knight,
Counsellor
Last names A-L



Mr. Lefurgy,
Counsellor
Last names M-Z



Kal is here for YOU!

- Main Office
 - Admin, medical room, and the friendliest office staff OF ALL TIME!
- Counselling Suite
 - Counsellors, career programs
- Learning Centre
 - School-based resource teachers, Education Assistants
- Library
 - Librarian, lots of great learning support
- Welcome Room
 - Indigenous Support Worker, Indigenous Outreach Worker
- Connections
 - School-based resource teacher, Education Assistant
- Peer Tutoring
- Distributed Learning
- International Room
 - ELL classes, International teacher
- NOYFSS Services
 - On-site counselling



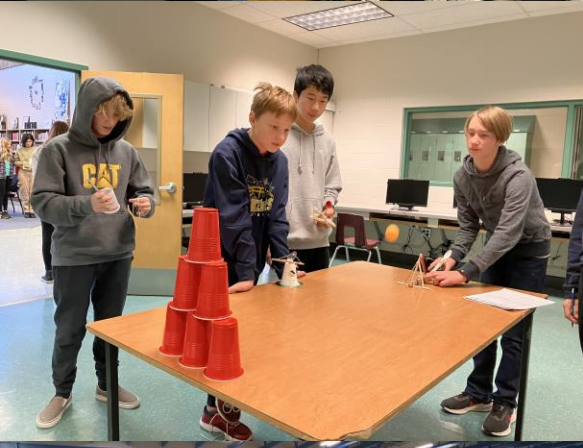
Life's great @ *Kal!*

- Gr.8 Welcome BBQ – Wednesday August 27th, 2025
- Gr.8 Retreat – late September 2025
- Athletics – go Lakers!
- Clubs
- Spirit Weeks
- Food Fairs
- Concerts
- Art Shows
- Musicals and Plays
- Field Trips
- KALABUNGA!!!

My advice? Get involved!

You'll get out of high school what you put in!







WORK HARD
GIVE YOUR BEST
YOU CAN DO THIS
Success is earned
DREAM BIG
NEVER GIVE UP
★ FOCUS ★
DO WHAT YOU
{Love}
WHAT YOU DO
Stay Humble.



Transitioning to *Kal*

- Most courses are semester (Math and PE linear)
- Grade 8 elective “rotation”
 - Elective courses are each about ~ 5 weeks long
- Multiple teachers and different classrooms / learning environments
- Weekly block rotation
- No bells, morning and afternoon breaks
- Many opportunities to get involved in clubs, sports, and other extracurricular activities

With great power comes great responsibility





Out with
“recess” and
“cubbies”



In with “breaks”
and “lockers”



Kal Student Schedule

Student Name:	Your name!	Student ID:		YOG:	
Homeroom:		Grade Level:	08	Locker:	

	DAY 1
A	[S1] MUSIC 8 Hunter, Paul - 106
B	[S1] SCIENCE 8 Britton, Paul - 121
C	[S1] SOCIAL STUDIES 8 Shore, Jillian - 244
D	[S1] MATHEMATICS 8 Korb, Olaf - 202



Kal Daily Schedule

8:30a – 9:50a

1st class (e.g., A block)

9:50a – 10:05a

15 minute BREAK

10:05a – 11:25a

2nd class (e.g., B block)

11:25a – 12:05a

LUNCH

12:05a – 1:25a

3rd class (e.g., C block)

1:25a – 1:40a

15 minute BREAK

1:40a – 3:00a

4th class (e.g., D block)



Kal Block Rotation

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Monday	ABCD	DCBA	BADC	CDAB
Tuesday	ABCD	DCBA	BADC	CDAB
Wednesday	AADD	Heads up! On this day, you would have double A block then double D block, with no B or C blocks.	AADD	DDAA
Thursday	BBCC		BBCC	CCBB
Friday	ABCD	DCBA	BADC	CDAB

Some weeks may be short (e.g., Pro-D or holidays), or with altered block rotations. Stay updated by checking the Kal website, checking the Kal Agenda App, or checking the posted rotation in the office.

Wednesdays and Thursdays are usually “double block” days – you can anticipate that labs, field trips, and tests will occur on these days



Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 1

See Course Planning Book on the Kal website for descriptions of all grade 8 courses

- Courses in high school are divided into two groups:
 - **Core courses** (courses that you must take before Grade 9)
 - **Elective courses** (courses that are not required to move into Grade 9)

<u>Core courses</u>	<u>Potential Elective courses</u>	
MEN--8 English 8	MMU—08 Band 8	MDR--08 Drama 8
MSS--08 Social Studies 8	MADW-08 Woodwork 8	MCE--08 Career Ed 8
MMA--8 Mathematics 8	MADT-08 Textiles 8	MAE--08 Art Ed 8
MSC--8 Science 8	MADFS08 Foods 8	MADDL08 Digital Literacy 8
MPHE-8 Physical Education 8	MADCC08 Comp/Comm 8	
MFR--8 French 8		



Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 2

Obtain the Grade 8 Course Selection letter (handed out here, and sent via email), and review with your parents / guardians

STEP 3

Decide whether you would like to request BAND 8 (with 4 additional electives) OR NO Band 8 (with 6-8 electives)

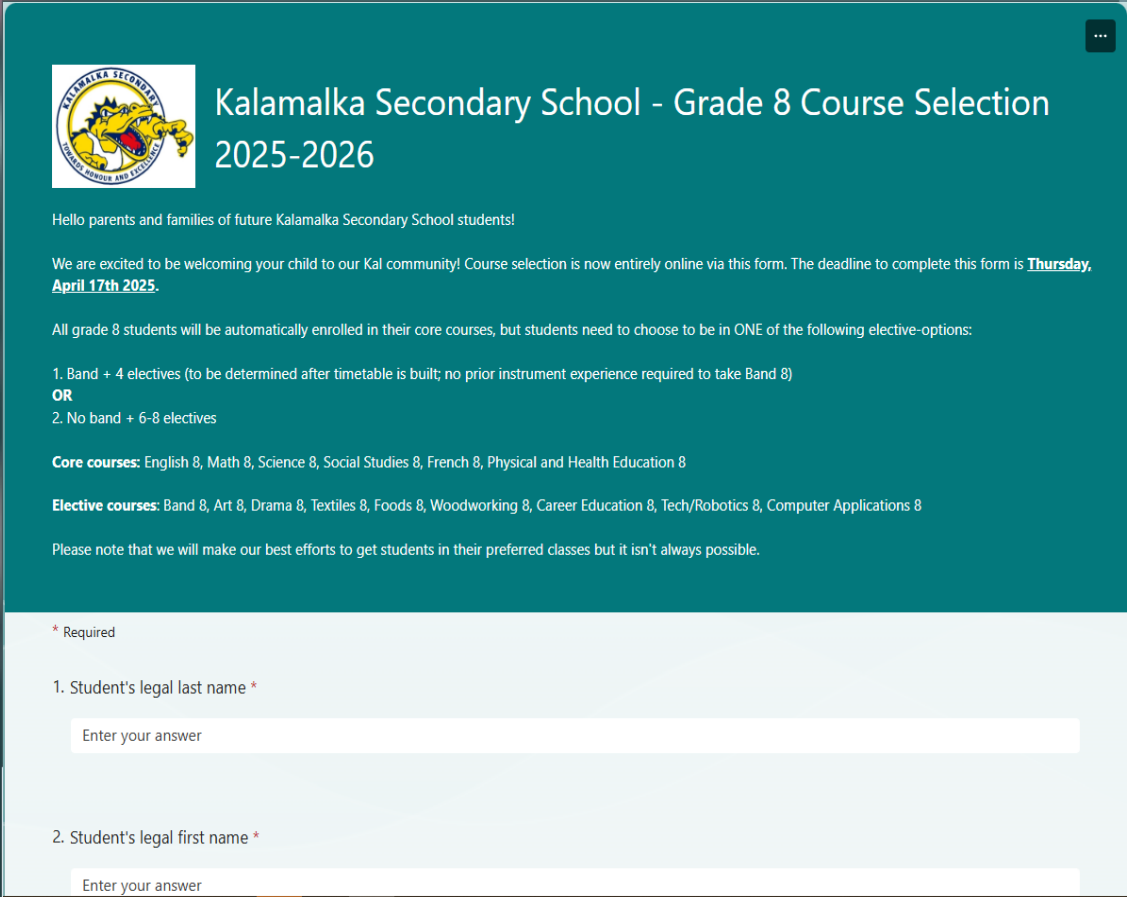
Band 8 is in Semester 1 during the same block as 4 other Semester 1 electives



Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 4

Complete the Grade 8 Course Selection form that is linked on the letter **BY APRIL 17th, 2025**



The screenshot shows a digital form for Kalamalka Secondary School. At the top left is the school's logo, a yellow dragon-like creature. The title 'Kalamalka Secondary School - Grade 8 Course Selection 2025-2026' is in white text on a teal background. Below the title, the form contains a welcome message to parents, a deadline of Thursday, April 17th, 2025, and a list of elective options: 1. Band + 4 electives (to be determined after timetable is built; no prior instrument experience required to take Band 8) OR 2. No band + 6-8 electives. It also lists core courses (English 8, Math 8, Science 8, Social Studies 8, French 8, Physical and Health Education 8) and elective courses (Band 8, Art 8, Drama 8, Textiles 8, Foods 8, Woodworking 8, Career Education 8, Tech/Robotics 8, Computer Applications 8). A note states that the school will make its best efforts to get students in their preferred classes but it isn't always possible. The bottom section is a light blue form with two required fields: '1. Student's legal last name *' and '2. Student's legal first name *', each with a text input box and the placeholder 'Enter your answer'.

Kalamalka Secondary School - Grade 8 Course Selection
2025-2026

Hello parents and families of future Kalamalka Secondary School students!

We are excited to be welcoming your child to our Kal community! Course selection is now entirely online via this form. The deadline to complete this form is **Thursday, April 17th 2025**.

All grade 8 students will be automatically enrolled in their core courses, but students need to choose to be in ONE of the following elective-options:

1. Band + 4 electives (to be determined after timetable is built; no prior instrument experience required to take Band 8)
OR
2. No band + 6-8 electives

Core courses: English 8, Math 8, Science 8, Social Studies 8, French 8, Physical and Health Education 8

Elective courses: Band 8, Art 8, Drama 8, Textiles 8, Foods 8, Woodworking 8, Career Education 8, Tech/Robotics 8, Computer Applications 8

Please note that we will make our best efforts to get students in their preferred classes but it isn't always possible.

* Required

1. Student's legal last name *

Enter your answer

2. Student's legal first name *

Enter your answer



Grade 8 Course Selection

4. Student's current gr.7 school * ⓘ

☐ Coldstream Elementary School

☐ Kidston Elementary School

☐ Lavington Elementary School

☐ Other

5. Choose ONE of the following elective options: * ⓘ

☐ Band + 4 electives (TBD)

☐ 8 electives

Have you registered for one of the SD22 sports academies?

6.

- Note 1: students must register directly with the SD22 sports academies ⓘ
- Note 2: students registered in an SD22 sports academy will have their schedules adjusted when we receive confirmation from the academy; this may decrease the number of electives they are scheduled in *

☐ Yes

☐ No

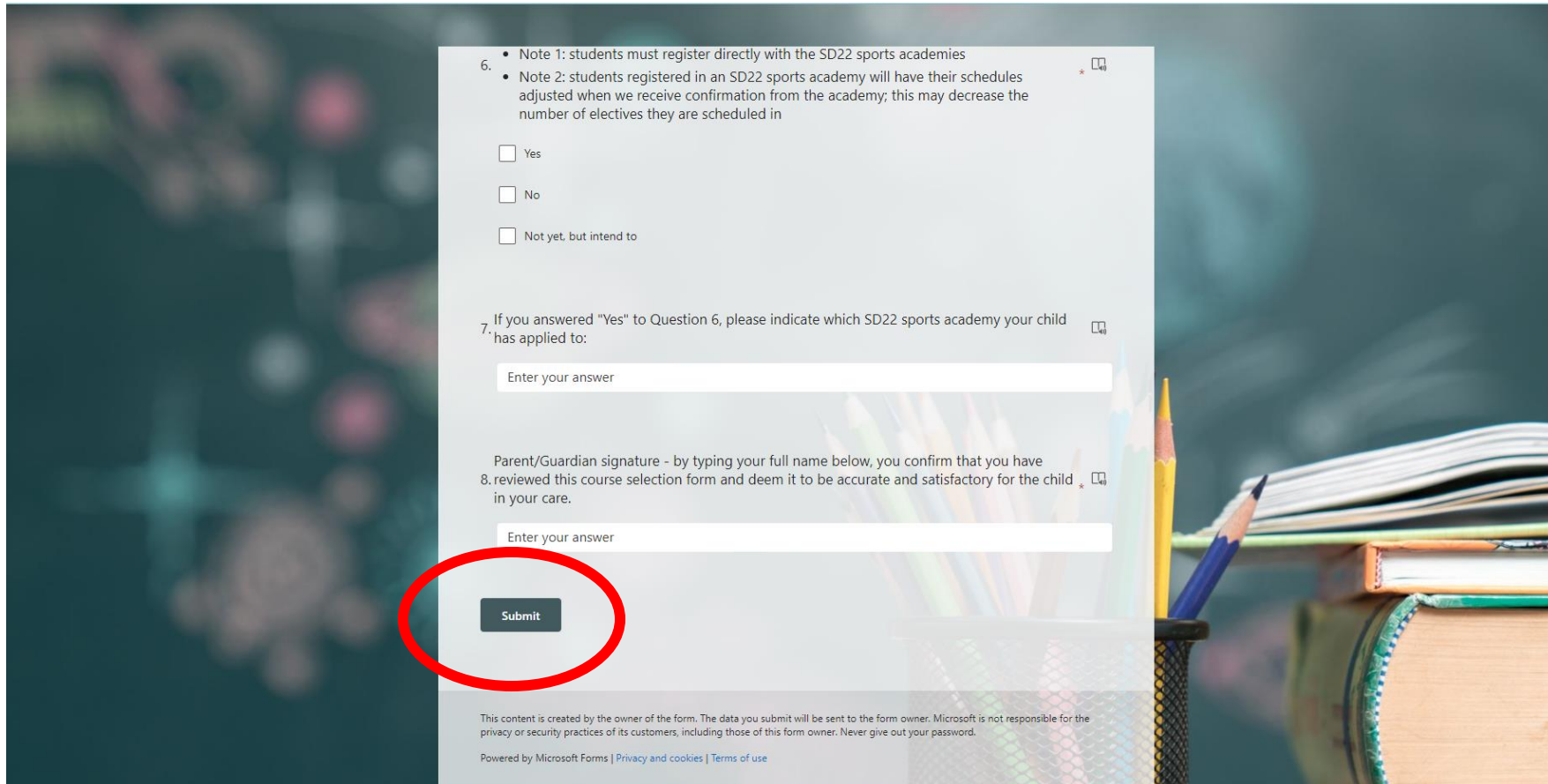
☐ Not yet, but intend to



Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 5

Have your parents/guardians type their name to approve the requests, and click Submit



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☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not yet, but intend to

7. If you answered "Yes" to Question 6, please indicate which SD22 sports academy your child has applied to:

Enter your answer

Parent/Guardian signature - by typing your full name below, you confirm that you have reviewed this course selection form and deem it to be accurate and satisfactory for the child in your care.

Enter your answer

Submit

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Grade 8 Course Selection

STEP 6

CELEBRATE! You've successfully finished your Grade 8 Course Selection!



YA'LL GOT ANY



QUESTIONS?



We can't wait to welcome you to *Kal!*



We take
learning
seriously!



Kalamalka Secondary Grade 8 Course Selection 2025 - 2026

